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25 JUL 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Lavon B. Strong
Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: Invitation to Attend Conference on
the Long-term Worldwide Biological
Consequences of Nuclear War

1. Action Requested: Accept or decline invitation to attend the Conference on the Long-Term Worldwide Biological Consequences of Nuclear War on 31 October and 1 November at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, DC.

STAT 2. Background: Chairman [] has invited
you to attend the Conference on "The World After Nuclear War."
STAT Leading Scientists, scholars, public officials, and citizen
STAT leaders are being asked to come to the meeting. According to
[] this Conference will provide a forum to review
and discuss conclusions of recent studies on the long-term
STAT worldwide consequences of nuclear war. [] also
STAT claims the findings of the group could "influence national and
STAT international policies on nuclear arms issues." []
STAT [] President of Stanford University will give the
STAT keynote address. [] will also speak.

STAT Although PAO researched this group, we could not find
STAT any information in our usual references. However, such people
as [] are nationally
STAT known. [], a marine biologist and Director of the
STAT Ecosystems Center of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods
Hole, Massachusetts, has been critical of the Administration's
STAT attitudes and actions in the management of resources. []
[] Director of the Missouri Botanical Gardens', name also
appears on the letterhead. Both men are leading
environmentalists. See attached pages for additional
biographical material and information on the Conference
activities.

3. Recommendation: It does not seem appropriate for the Agency to be associated with groups studying nuclear war for the purpose of influencing national arms control policy. These


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groups, moreover, tend to attract the media. Indicate whether
you accept or decline this invitation and have Public Affairs
give the appropriate response.

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Lavon B. Strong ✓

Attachments

ACCEPT INVITATION:

Director of Central Intelligence

Date


DECLINE INVITATION:

/s/ William J. Casey

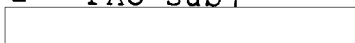
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